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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9576
INFO AMEMBASSY PORT LOUIS

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SUBJECT: COVERAGE OF OAU CONFERENCES IN MAURITIUS

REF: A. STATE 125078, B. ADDIS 2126, C. STATE 48896

1. EMBASSY CONTINUES AGREE THAT PRESENCE OF POLOFF ROGERS OR ANOTHER OFFICER IN POL SECTION COULD BE HELPFUL AT OAU CONFERENCES IN MAURITIUS AND WISHES BE AS COOPERATIVE AS POSSIBLE. (IN FACT ROGERS HAS MADE TENTATIVE AIRPLANE BOOKINGS.) WE REGRET, HOWEVER, THAT SITUATION RE PERSONNEL SHIFTS THIS SUMMER IN POL SECTION HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE WE SENT REFTEL (B). IN SHORT, NONE OF OUR THREE POL OFFICERS HAS YET RECEIVED TRANSFER ORDERS AND DEPT HAS NOT YET NAMED REPLACEMENT FOR SECTION CHIEF. FURTHER, AS DEPT AWARE, ETHIOPIAN POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT DOES NOT APPEAR PARTICULARLY PROMISING FOR NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS OR SO.

2. REFTEL (A) SEEMS TO BE ASKING US TO COMMIT AN OFFICER NOW TO ATTEND CONFERENCES, BUT IN CIRCUMSTANCES AS WE KNOW THEM NOW WE WOULD HOPE THAT DEPT WOULD DEFER REQUEST PENDING FURTHER DETERMINATION OF DEPT'S INTENTIONS RE OUR PERSONNEL.

IF IT APPEARS THAT POLOFF ROGERS CAN BE RELEASED IN LIGHT OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL INFO AND PROVIDED ETHIOPIAN POLITICAL SITUATION SEEMS TO PERMIT IT, WE WILL BE GLAD SEND HIM TO PORT LOUIS AND CAN WAIT TO MAKE DECISION UNTIL ABLL INTO JUNE. IF THIS NOT
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SATISFACTORY TO DEPT, HOWEVER, WE HOPE DEPT WILL BEGIN

EXPLORE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES.

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